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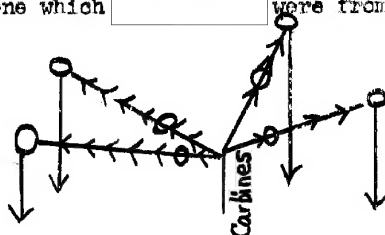
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1. From a position near Perperek (N 41-41, E 25-32), between 2230 and 2330, [] 25X1
[] a series of flares or rockets which seemed to be coming from the 25X1
direction of Kurdzhali or Shiroko Pole. The flares appeared in groups of seven
or eight every five or six minutes. The flares were bluish-white in color
(with slight color variations according to the group, i.e., very white to light
blue). The flares were shot straight up and dropped perpendicularly. The flares
were still light as they fell. No sound was heard. The bursts lasted 25X1
approximately two minutes. [] the flares were from carbines.
2. On the following night at approximately 0100, from the same observation point,
[] green flares which were shot to about the same height and dispersed 25X1
the same way as those in paragraph one. The flares lasted about an hour and
were seen at the rate of one every minute. [] these flares were from 25X1
rocket pistols. Once the green flares mentioned in paragraph two had finished,
light artillery fire began, followed by mortar fire. This firing lasted 10-15
minutes and came from a direction west of Kurdzhali.
3. The same night, [] saw flashes and heard the sound of field artillery 25X1
fire coming from the direction of Momchilgrad (south). This lasted, at ten-
minute intervals, for more than an hour. At approximately 0400 the heavy fire
ceased and carbine fire began, continuing until 0500.
4. The following was made from a rough sketch [] It describes the 25X1
flares in paragraph one which [] were from carbines.



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